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SUBJ: AFGHAN REACTION TO INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION

1. WHILE KABUL PRESS CARRIED MAY 19 REUTERS ITEMS ON INDIA'S EXPLOSION OF NUCLEAR DEVICE AND REACTION OF GENEVA DISARM-AMMENT CONFERENCE DELEGATES, THERE HAVE BEEN NO EDITORIALS OR MEDIA FOLLOW-UP. NOR DOES INDIA'S ACTION SEEM TO HAVE SPARKED MUCH BAZAAR DISCUSSION.

2. ABDUL SAMAD GHANUS, DIRGEN OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS. MFA, STATED TO AMBASSADOR THAT THERE WILL PROBABLY BE NO OFFICIAL GOA ANNOUNCEMENT ON SUBJECT. NOR HAVE GOA OFFICIALS BROUGHT UP TOPIC IN OFFICIAL OR PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH MISSION PERSONNEL. IN SUM, AFGHAN REACTION HAS BEEN VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT.

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3. COMMENT: AFGHAN DECISION NOT TO MAKE OFFICIAL

ANNOUNCEMENT ON INDIA'S NUCLEAR EXPLOSION IS SIGNIFICANT
IN ITSELF AND RESTS ON GOA'S COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING
AFGHAN-INDIAN TIES WITH AN UNDOUBTED ELEMENT OF ENJOYMENT
OF PAKISTAN'S DISCOMFITURE.
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